

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.K. Gupta et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action mailed on February 8, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

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